



Amendment to the Specification:

Please insert the following as paragraph [0054.1]:

Figure 9 is a flow diagram illustrating an embodiment of the invention. This embodiment describes a method for reducing latency over a communications network. The method includes determining completion of processing of a next data block 910. The number of samples remaining in a queue of a consuming device of the next data block is then determined 920. The method further includes determining a weighted variability in the number of samples remaining in the queue of the consuming device 930. Once the variability has been determined, a determination is made as to whether the remaining number of samples in the queue of the consuming device can be reduced based upon the weighted variability 940. In one embodiment, if it is determined that the number of samples can be reduced, then the number of samples is reduced by discarding samples of a data block.